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**Meteorological Results of the Nansen Expedition.**—The Norwegian North Polar Expedition, 1893-96. Scientific Results, edited by Fridtjof Nansen. Vol. VI. Meteorology. By H. Mohn. Published by the Fridtjof Nansen Fund for the Advancement of Science. 1905. Pp. xiv + 659. Pls. XX.

In these days of many polar expeditions, both Arctic and Antarctic, and of great expectations regarding the results to be obtained from the study of the scientific observations made during these expeditions, it is a distinct satisfaction to have before us the present volume. Vol. VI of the Nansen Expedition is an admirable reduction and a thoroughly scientific study of the meteorological records made during that memorable voyage of the *Fram*. Professor Mohn, of Christiania, well known the world over for his work in meteorology, has prepared the volume. In the preface Nansen pays a well-merited tribute to Dr. Mohn and to his share in contributing to the scientific success of the Expedition. It was after reading an article by Mohn that Nansen first thought of planning his voyage. "Mohn was one of the few who always believed in the practicability of the plan." He was among those who bade farewell to Nansen's party at Vardö in 1893, and was also the first friend whom Nansen and Johansen met three years later when they again landed at Vardö. Mohn superintended the meteorological equipment, verified the instruments, and planned the meteorological work. It was, therefore, eminently fitting that he should also work up the results, to which labour he has given several years. In the preface the leader of the Expedition also pays a well-merited tribute to Capt. Scott-Hansen, who superintended the meteorological work during the voyage, "thanking him once more for his faithful work during the long polar day and the long, cold polar night."

The meteorological observations embraced the following: Direction and velocity of the wind; pressure; temperature; humidity; amount; form and motion of the clouds; kind and amount of precipitation; direction of motion of the waves; state of the sea; temperature of sea-surface, and phenomena of occasional occurrence. The interesting facts should not escape notice that not only were the observations made with extraordinary care and regularity throughout nearly three years—there being hardly a break in the record—but that the conditions were remarkably uniform, in that the surface was of a homogeneous nature—viz., an ice-covered sea, with a free horizon, and with continents and